



IFW

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7552.0025

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	
Claudio TONELLI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3762
)	
Application No.: 10/775,993)	Examiner: Unassigned
)	
Filed: February 9, 2004)	
)	
For: SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR AN)	Confirmation No.: 1291
INTEGRATED BLOOD)	
TREATMENT MODULE,)	
INTEGRATED BLOOD)	
TREATMENT MODULE AND)	
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)	
TREATMENT APPARATUS)	
EQUIPPED WITH SAID)	
INTEGRATED MODULE)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A copy of an Abstract in English of the non-English language document is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

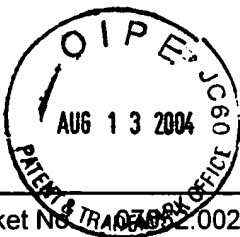
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: August 13, 2004

By: 
Aaron L. Parker
Reg. No. 50,785



OMB No. 0651-0011

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No. 0775,993	Appln. No. 10/775,993
Applicant Claudio TONELLI et al.	
Filing Date February 9, 2004	Group: 3762

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	3,909,045	09/30/1975	Meagher	285	22	
	4,009,107	02/22/1977	Miller et al.	210	321 B	
	4,263,808	04/28/1981	Bellotti et al.	73	714	
	4,379,452	04/12/1983	DeVries	604	6	
	4,424,009	01/03/1984	van Os	417	394	
	4,436,620	03/13/1984	Bellotti et al.	210	90	
	4,526,515	07/02/1985	DeVries	417	63	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
AU 199870078 A1	01/07/1999	Australia			
AU 199870078 B2	01/07/1999	Australia			
EP 0 116 596 B1	11/22/1990	EP			
EP 0 134 436 B1	01/07/1988	EP			
EP 0 282 539 B1	01/29/1992	EP			
EP 0 611 227 A1	08/17/1994	EP			
EP 0 643 808 B1	01/14/1998	EP			
EP 0 679 099 B1	07/18/2001	EP			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/IB2004/000104

Examiner	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No.	07552.0025	Appln. No.	10/775,993
Applicant	Claudio TONELLI et al.		
Filing Date	February 9, 2004	Group:	3762

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	4,637,813	01/20/1987	DeVries	604	6	
	4,871,012	10/03/1989	Kuo	165	41	
	4,886,431	12/12/1989	Soderquist et al.	417	477	
	4,950,245	08/21/1990	Brown et al.	604	153	
	5,427,509	06/27/1995	Chapman et al.	417	477.2	
	5,462,416	10/31/1995	Dennehey et al.	417	477.2	
	5,482,440	01/09/1996	Dennehey et al.	417	63	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
EP 0 686 237 B1	05/12/1999	EP			
EP 0 694 125 B1	02/10/1999	EP			
EP 0 695 397 B1	09/02/1998	EP			
EP 0 852 953 B1	11/28/2001	EP			
EP 0 887 100 A1	12/30/1998	EP			No
EP 0 893 603 A2	01/27/1999	EP			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

*	English language abstract of EP 0 877 100 A1, Thomson Derwent

Examiner	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No.	07552.0025	Appln. No.	10/775,993
Applicant	Claudio TONELLI et al.		
Filing Date	February 9, 2004	Group:	3762

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	5,641,144	06/24/1997	Hendrickson et al.	248	292.13	
	5,714,060	02/03/1998	Kenley et al.	210	194	
	5,983,947	11/16/1999	Utterberg	138	89	
	6,277,277 B1	08/21/2001	Jacobi et al.	210	240	
	6,308,721 B1	10/30/2001	Bock et al.	134	166 R	
	6,325,775 B1	12/04/2001	Thom et al.	604	6.02	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	GB 2 076 476 A	12/02/1981	UK			
	GB 2 208 896 A	04/19/1989	UK			
	WO 88/01895	03/24/1988	PCT			
	WO 95/17597	06/29/1995	PCT			
	WO 95/17598	06/29/1995	PCT			
	WO 95/17599	06/29/1995	PCT			
	WO 95/17600	06/29/1995	PCT			
	WO 95/17601	06/29/1995	PCT			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

Examiner	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No.	07552.0025	Appln. No.	10/775,993
Applicant	Claudio TONELLI et al.		
Filing Date	February 9, 2004	Group:	3762

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial*		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
		WO 95/17602	06/29/1995	PCT			
		WO 95/17603	06/29/1995	PCT			
		WO 95/17604	06/29/1995	PCT			
		WO 97/02056	01/23/1997	PCT			
		WO 97/10436	03/20/1997	PCT			
		WO 98/22163	05/28/1998	PCT			
		WO 99/13926	03/25/1999	PCT			
		WO 01/08772 A2	02/08/2001	PCT			
		WO 02/26288 A2	04/04/2002	PCT			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

Examiner	Date Considered
<p>*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce